

MEETING MINUTES CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes of: Special Meeting of Milpitas City Council
Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: Council Chambers – 2nd Floor
Milpitas City Hall,
455 East Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Grilli called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. Deputy City Clerk Pam Caronongan called the roll.

PRESENT: Vice Mayor Grilli, Councilmembers Nuñez and Phan

LATE: Councilmember Barbadillo (arrived at 5:06 PM)

ABSENT: Mayor Tran

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council and City Attorney departed the dais to meet in Closed Session to discuss one item as presented on the agenda (one litigation matter).

At 5:47 PM, the City Council returned to the dais for Open Session. Vice Mayor Grilli stated that there would be no announcements from Closed Session.

Per Vice Mayor Grilli, Councilmember Barbadillo would not be joining the City Council for Open Session due to prior work commitments. Secondly, Vice Mayor Grilli announced that speakers are given one minute to address City Council; and for members of the public needing translation services, speakers are given two minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM

Vice Mayor Grilli opened the floor for Public Forum. The audience clapped.

Speakers:

1. Voltaire Montemayor spoke regarding garbage can rates.
2. Isaac Hughes made various allegations against Vice Mayor Grilli and Interim City Manager Pangelinan. Vice Mayor Grilli refuted all of the allegations made against her.

OPEN SESSION

Planning Director Bradley Misner reported before City Council regarding 1724 Sunnyhills Drive, the potential loss of affordable housing, the community's concerns over the looming loss of their homes, the outreach that staff explored with the County and other housing-related agencies to come up with options and solutions, and the discussions and negotiations that staff had made with the property owner to provide a solution that would spare many low-income families, elderly, and disabled citizens from being displaced from their homes.

Planning Director Misner stated that due to the immediate impact on many residents, staff came up with an agreement with the property owner. The agreement would allow the extension of the Section 8 program for five additional years, which would provide a short-term solution for the City and most especially to the many residents who would lose their homes if the agreement would not be approved. Moreover, the agreement would give the City time to explore options which would eventually provide a long-term solution.

City Attorney Diaz then advised the City Council that he would be happy to answer questions or provide clarification regarding the agreement should any member of the City Council wished to do so.

Vice Mayor Grilli then opened the floor for speakers

- 1) Carmen Montano – recommended for the City to buy the property and maintain it
- 2) Lisa Doan – thanked the property owner, the City, and various individuals
- 3) Tony Alexander – thanked the City Council and the residents for the agreement
- 4) A man thanked the City Council in behalf of his fellow Sunnyhills residents
- 5) A woman expressed her gratitude over the outcome
- 6) A man thanked the City Council and hoped for a long-term solution to the housing problem
- 7) A man thanked the City Council
- 8) A woman stated that she is grateful about the outcome
- 9) A woman thanked the City Council for the five-year reprieve and expressed that the community would like to continue working with the City towards a long-term solution
- 10) Sandy Perry from the Affordable Housing Network of Santa Clara County spoke. He thanked the Council and most especially the tenants. He also provided letters from residents in case the agreement did not go through. These letters were turned in to the City Clerk.
- 11) A woman thanked the City Council and the property owner, and hoped that after five years a long-term solution would exist for the residents
- 12) A woman expressed her happiness and gratitude for the good outcome, and asked for the City's continued help towards a long-term solution
- 13) A woman thanked the City Council and Interim City Manager Pangelinan for listening to the citizens. She also thanked the residents for getting united. She hoped that the City would purchase the property.
- 14) A woman thanked the City for listening and helping the citizens. She remained hopeful towards a long-term solution
- 15) Voltaire Montemayor spoke and expressed his gratitude over the good outcome
- 16) Daisy Espinoza thanked the owner and the City over the agreement
- 17) A woman thanked the City and expressed hope for a long-term outcome five years from now

Vice Mayor Grilli closed the floor for public comment and opened the floor for City Council discussion.

Councilmember Nuñez spoke on how various agencies and the community gathered to unite towards a common cause and a positive outcome. He acknowledged The-Vu Nguyen from the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors – Third District Supervisor Dave Cortese’s office. He shared his appreciation on how the County worked with the City working together regarding the issue.

Mr. Nguyen, speaking on behalf of Supervisor Cortese’s office, thanked the City and stated that Supervisor Cortese’s office could be reached if the City needed assistance.

Councilmember Nuñez also commended Planning Director Misner, City Attorney Diaz, Interim City Manager Pangelinan, and the City Council as he expressed his gratitude and relief that many families would not be displaced from their homes as a result of everyone’s hard work.

Councilmember Phan thanked staff, City Council, the property owners, and the residents for their hard work, patience and cooperation. He hoped that the collaboration would continue as the City sought for a long-term solution. He acknowledged the residents, stating that although they had been thanking the City for the outcome, it was the residents who should be thanked for their patience.

Vice Mayor Grilli thanked Planning Director Misner, Interim City Manager Pangelinan, and City Attorney Diaz for their combined efforts in making the “miracle” happen for the Sunnyhills residents. She said that the City Council would be looking to the community for their help and guidance in achieving a long-term solution.

Motion: to approve the agreement for Purchase of Affordability Covenants for the Sunnyhills Apartments Complex, including minor corrections needing to be made to the agreement by staff

Motion/Second: Councilmember Nuñez /
Councilmember Phan

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 3
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2
(Mayor Tran, Councilmember Barbadillo)

ADJOURNMENT The special City Council meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

The foregoing minutes were approved by Milpitas City Council on November 7, 2017.

Pam Caronongan
Milpitas Deputy City Clerk